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### **Salt Lake City to Honor Gun Violence Victims at Daffodil Planting**

*Annual event part of YWCA's Week Without Violence*

SALT LAKE CITY – Mayor Ralph Becker, Councilman Carlton Christensen and community members will gather at the Day-Riverside Library, 1575 West 1000 North, on Friday, October 21 at 10 a.m. to take part in the annual daffodil planting in support of YWCA's Week Without Violence. The daffodils honor gun violence victims and serve as symbols of hope for the community.

This year's planting will focus on the affect of gun violence on children and families. Dr. Robert Bolte, professor of pediatrics at the University of Utah School of Medicine and pediatric emergency medicine physician at Primary Children's Medical Center, will be the guest speaker.

"The impact of gun violence is far reaching, devastating families and impairing communities," said Mayor Becker. "Through prevention and education strategies, we can work together to prevent the senseless injury to young people caused by gun violence."

Mayor Becker, Councilman Christensen and Dr. Bolte will be joined at the planting by Melinda Pettingill, prevention education director for the YWCA of Salt Lake City, and representatives of the Gun Violence Prevention Center.

The YWCA Week Without Violence, held the third week of October each year, raises awareness of violence in homes and communities. The annual commemoration has become a global campaign involving women, men and children in hundreds of communities across the nation and in countries around the world.

**WHO:** Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker  
Councilman Carlton Christensen  
Dr. Robert Bolte, Pediatric Emergency Room Physician  
YWCA Prevention Education Director Melinda Pettingill  
Gun Violence Prevention Center Board Members

**WHAT:** Daffodil planting in conjunction with YWCA's Week Without Violence

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